Boards of Educational/Technical Institutions in Mumbai

1155. SHRI R.K. KUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the boards of many Educational/Technical Institutions of Mumbai there is a provision for nominees of the Central Government;

(b) if so, the names of each of these institutions where there is vacancy for such members; and

(c) when the Central Government propose to fill up these vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Relics of Buddha

1156. SHRI JAYANT KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) authorities have declined the demands of the researchers and others to display the relics of the Buddha lying at the ASI office at Bhubaneswar; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) and (b) These important relics of the Buddha are kept in the safe costody of the Archaeological Survey of India, Bhubaneswar. They are not subject to regular display for security reasons and in view of their extremely delicate and fragile condition.

Construction of Girls Hostels

1157. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a proposal for release of funds for constructing girls hostels in nine Muslim dominated districts;

(b) if so, whether the proposal has been considered;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) to (d) A proposal was received in the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Education from the Government of Uttar Pradesh for sanction of grant-in-aid for construction of 9 hostels for girls under the. Area Intensive Programme for Educationally Backward Minorities. Five of the proposed hostels were found to be earmarked for areas not identified as minority concentration areas. The proposal was accordingly revised by the Government of Uttar Pradesh to seek grant-in-aid for construction of 4 hostels for girls. The proposal has been considered and approved by the Grant-in-aid Committee.

Review of NLP

1158. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether government have reviewed the implementation and achievements under the National Literacy Policy/ Programme in various States during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, indicating the areas which need special attention/focus;